

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
February 19, 2008**



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lio Francisco, Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma, Steve Lee, Jerry Marsalli, Cynthia Owens, Chuck Seymour

STAFF PRESENT: George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

GUESTS: Kathy Watanabe, Marilyn Keever, Barbara Mordy, Estela Ramirez, Evangelia Theologides, Marwan Mukhan, Ciara Balagot

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: Recommend to Council the inclusion of a Multi-Purpose Community Center into the proposed North Side Library Project as listed in the FY 2010/2011 Capital Improvement 5 Year Plan.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Lio Francisco at 7:00 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 15, 2008 – Approved as written.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – The Commission reviewed the following: Invitations from Santa Clara Unified School District for the Marilyn Rea Memorial Golf Tournament, e-mail from Brian Chang supporting the library at Rivermark, letter of appreciation from Wilcox High School 2008 Grad Night Committee, City of Long Beach invitation to the 2008 CPRS Conference.
- V. COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS – Commissioner Francisco complimented the parks maintenance crews on the clean up of City parks after the January storms and reported that a delegation of students will be visiting from Coimbra, Portugal starting March 7, 2008.

Commissioner Frazier – No report.

Commissioner Gamma reported that he still sees individuals feed animals at the Central Park Lake.

Commissioner Lee – No report.

Commissioner Marsalli distributed flyers about the Veterans Committee Easter Sunrise service at the Veterans Memorial (March 23, 2008 at 6:30 a.m.).

Commissioner Owens reported on the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and discussed various ideas about fundraising by I.S.C. swim program users in support of the Swim Center Expansion Project. The Commission directed Commissioner Owens to continue to gather information about the International Swimming Hall of Fame and fundraising proposals.

Commissioner Seymour – No report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Art and Wine Festival - Commission reviewed proposals submitted from ICE service and an alternate wine supplier. Commission noted and filed the proposals and directed staff to continue with the existing suppliers.
- B. Program Report - George Friedenbach reviewed status of 2008 Winter/Spring registrations.
- C. Project Update - George Friedenbach reviewed current projects.
- D. Park Fees – George Friedenbach reviewed the staff activities for the report.
- E. CPRS Conference – February 26-29 Long Beach – No action.
- F. Citizen Request – Dog Park Expansion: Commission reviewed staff report responding to questions from the January meeting and information presented by Barbara Mordy and Marilyn Keever. Commission tabled discussion until the April 15, 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and requested costs for improvement options. Commissioner Gamma will conduct a user count study for the April meeting.
- G. Field Naming in Honor of Tony Sanchez – George Friedenbach reported on Council approval of field naming at the February 12, 2008 Council meeting.
- H. Mary Quigley Memorial Bench and Plaque – Postponed at request of Michael Kony.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rivermark – Commission reviewed presentations from Kathy Watanabe, Estella Ramirez, and Evangelia Theologides, representing the Rivermark neighborhood requesting the Rivermark Library and Multi-Purpose Community Center in the proposed Library Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marsalli, seconded by Commissioner Frazier, to recommend to Council the inclusion of a Multi-Purpose Community Center into the proposed North Side Library Project as listed in the FY 2010/2011 Capital Improvement 5 Year Plan.

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

- IX. Adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting, March 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Manager Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

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Steve Lee
Secretary